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Storm Francis to bring wind and heavy rain – August '20

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Wind and rain warnings are in force for Tuesday as another named storm impacts the UK.

Strong wind in western locations

A deep area of low pressure will cross the UK from Monday night, bringing wind gusts of 60 mph and potentially 70 mph in exposed western locations and also heavy rain for many. A yellow wind warning is in force for the whole of Wales and most of England until midday on Wednesday.

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A deep area of low pressure will bring heavy rain and the risk of severe gales in places during Tuesday and Wednesday
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Possible travel disruption

Whilst not exceptional, winds this strong are unusual for August and they will be accompanied by some heavy rain in places, with possible transport disruption and impacts on outdoor activities. Large waves are also expected in coastal areas around the South West including the Bristol Channel, throughout Tuesday, moving along the English Channel as the day progresses. Beachgoers are advised to take extra care.

Heavy rain in Northern Ireland and southwest Scotland

The rain is expected to be heaviest in Northern Ireland and southwest Scotland where 60-90 mm in total could fall as the storm moves from west to east.

National Severe Weather Warning

Chief Meteorologist Andy Page, said “The UK is in for another unseasonably wet and windy spell with Storm Francis arriving on Tuesday. There will be strong winds and heavy rain, especially in the west of the UK. A number of severe weather warnings have been issued and these warnings can be updated regularly so please keep up to date with the latest Met Office forecast.”

Storm Francis will clear to the East of the UK by Wednesday lunchtime, leaving a brighter and more settled outlook for the remainder of the day. After a showery day on Friday the Bank Holiday weekend should bring sunshine to most parts for a time with scattered showers before further unsettled weather is expected to move in from Tuesday next week.

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